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# MORE THAN SPECTATORS

*Archie H. Hook*

**Minister and Superintendent**

Nothing is easier than to fall into the habit of looking upon life as a colorful pageant; to stand as an indifferent observer and watch the scroll of events unroll before one's eyes. A sense of unreality creeps in and we find ourselves looking dreamily as at a picture without actuality and wondering vaguely about it.

This is especially perilous as it affects one's attitude toward the Gospel story. We sometimes look at the pilgrimage of Jesus' earthly life as an astonishing pageant of far-off events. Countless pictures of Him are displayed. We gaze upon dramatic scenes, colorful Oriental costumes, the disciples, the Master. But, do we see these events as something directly connected with the conduct of our lives? Are we different men and women today because Jesus lived and died over nineteen hundred years ago? Are we looking upon the fact of Jesus' life as a passing show or are we trying to grow from what we are toward what God desires us to be?

No one was more sure concerning his loyalty to Jesus than Peter, and yet when the testing came even he forgot that he had a part in that great drama and he thought he was only an observer. He followed "afar off" while the soldiers took Jesus to the High Priest's house for trial. Had he followed closely he might easily have been recognized. So he slunk along at a safe distance as one who had no concern except curiosity in the affair. Already Peter was stepping out of the role of actor and becoming a mere spectator.

But "the Lord turned and looked upon Peter." It was then he discovered that he could not be neutral in the great drama that was being enacted. He was not only observing these tragic events, he was a part of them. A look from Jesus had brought Peter to his senses. He wept as a token of his repentance and went forth to a renewed and unshaken loyalty which he finally sealed with a martyr's death.

For one reason or another we often stand aside like Peter and try to be spectators in an event which calls for active participation. All life is a form of drama. We are called upon to be actors—take up our cross daily and fol-

# News of the Churches

**RICHMOND BEACH . . .**

The sixty-second anniversary of the Richmond Beach church was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, March 1. Dr. Archie Hook was guest preacher for the morning service. The afternoon program featured a fellowship dinner and a dramatic program on the history of the church. Rev. Franklin Forrester is the present minister.

**PASCO . . .**

A Lay Visitation Evangelism program has highlighted the Lenten program of the Pasco church. The campaign was held from March 5—8. Rev. Paul Sutley conducted the training sessions for the visitors as well as the training sessions for new members.

Other activities in March included the "Friendly Family Frolic" launching the all church project of missionary education, sponsored by the church school. Also the work of the local parish in sponsoring a Displaced Persons family.

**WARDEN . . .**

The church school of the Community Church has for the past quarter been using materials of the Pilgrim Series curriculum. Both teachers and pupils are having an inspiring and valuable experience. At the monthly teachers meetings there are opportunities of worship, study, and discussion for the teachers. This sharing has proved most helpful. Students are responding with more enthusiasm, and parents are appreciative of the home materials.

**Seattle, UNIVERSITY . . .**

Members and friends of the University Church participated in the "Laying The Cornerstone" ceremony on Sunday, March 8. Documents taken from the cornerstone of the present church and historical data covering important events in the life of the church during the past fifty years were placed in the wall of the narthex of the new church, now being completed. The new facilities are to be completed late this spring.

**A new bus to assist with transportation adds to the growth of the church school at Oberlin Church, Steilacoom. The church celebrates its 70th birthday on April 7th with ceremonies depicting the days of 1875. Rev. George Schubert is the present minister.**

**eattle, KEYSTONE . . .**

The Laymen's Minute has grown o be an important part of the morn- ng service at Keystone Church. his brief message by a layman or oman of the church keeps the con- regation better informed as to the ork of the church. During the Lent- n season the members of the com- ittee for Our Christian World Mis- ion were responsible and spoke of ie world mission of the church. rs. Laird Camerson, chairman, ells of the One Great Hour of Shar- ig.

**Seattle, COLUMBIA . . .**

Dean Edward Lauer, Moderator of he Conference, was guest speaker it the March meeting of The Men's Club of Columbia Church. It was also Ladies Night and featured a Chinese dinner.

Men of the church have recently spent several weeks in constructing and installing new hymnal and communion cup racks in the sanctuary.

**KELLOGG . . .**

"Meals for Millions" was the feature of the March family night at the Kellogg church. The meal was prepared by the Junior High Fellowship as a plan for acquainting persons in the church with the needs of the refugees and their meals. Dr. Carl Mahoney of the Green Lake Methodist Church spoke to the group.

Dean Edward Lauer was guest of the church on March 10 in behalf of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

**Seattle, GREEN LAKE . . .**

The Social Action Committee of the Green Lake church entertained at its March meeting the members of the Social Action committees of the Keystone and Richmond Beach churches. Rev. Chester Fisk of Tacoma and chairman of the conference committee was guest speaker and discussed some of the functions of these committees.

The women of Green Lake entertained the Seattle area meeting of The Women's Fellowship on March 16.

**WINSLOW . . .**

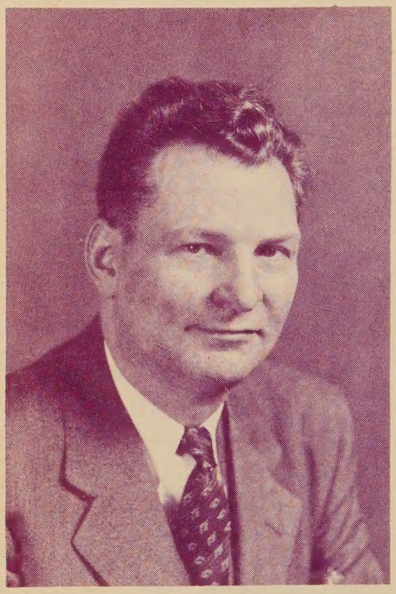
A Christian Citizenship Group has been formed in the Eagle Harbor church, and is scheduled to meet each month to consider the application of Christian faith to human problems. The March meeting discussed the public welfare program in the state.

A pot luck dinner each month has also been started to add to the fellowship of the church.

**Seattle, OLIVET . . .**

Rev. Theron Zimmerman and members of the Olivet church choir appeared on the television program, "And Give Thee Peace." the first Sunday in March.

## SPOKANE, WESTMINSTER . . .



**Clement F. Hahn**

On September 1, Dr. Clement F. Hahn of Worcester, Mass., will become pastor of Westminster Church, Spokane. He leaves the Bethany Church where he has served for the past 17 years.

Dr. Hahn has been most active in ecumenical affairs—since 1942 he has served as executive secretary of the Greater Worcester area Council of Churches; in 1948 he was a delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting in Holland; and in 1950 a delegate to the formation of the National Council of Churches in Cleveland.

He took his theological work at the Boston University School of Theology, and prior to his pastorate at Worcester, he served a church in Saco, Me. He is also known for his community activities.

## PASTORAL NOTES . . .

**REV. FREDERICK AMOS** continues his good service as interim pastor. After being at the Green Lake Church, he has now moved on to assist the church at Tonasket. Reports indicate increased interest in the church and its activities.

**REV. CLARENCE L. COVELL** who has served for a number of years in our conference has gone to the church at Beavercreek, Oregon. He leaves the pastorate of the Pilgrim Church, Tacoma. Our best wishes go with the Covells in their new conference fellowship.

Funeral services for **REV. JOHN B. FENWICK** were held at the Bellevue Church on March 10. Mr. Fenwick began his ministry in New York state and prior to his retirement several years ago, was minister at the Bellevue church.

Fauntleroy Church, Seattle, has received with regrets the resignation of **REV. A. M. LUSK**, effective April 5. Mr. Lusk has contributed much to our Conference fellowship as chairman of the Board of Directors for the past two years and in many other capacities in which he has served. Mr. Lusk will enter business and the family will live in Portland, Oregon.

**REV. J. LOGAN PERINGER** resigns his pastorate at the Dayton Congregational Church on May 1, after many years of service.

## COLVILLE . . .

Members of the senior Pilgrim Fellowship group have been doing work as a "Speech Choir." They have been used in the morning worship services, and the group is under the direction of Mr. Burgess. The junior high group is also working on special projects of collecting clothing for Korea.

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## CONFERENCE LIBRARY

Is spring giving you the urge to read some more books? Here are a few that have recently come into the Conference Library:

BEST SERMONS, 1951–52.

Maves and Cedarleaf, OLDER PEO- AND THE CHURCH.

Paul Ramsey, BASIC CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

F. W. Dillistone, JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CROSS.

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE; Vols. 1, 7, 10.

HOLY BIBLE—REVISED STANDARD VERSION.

Albert Edward Bailey, THE GOSPEL IN HYMNS.

James Hastings Nichols, DEMOCRACY AND THE CHURCHES.

William A. Spurrier, GUIDE TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Tillich, Greene, and Others, THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER.

Jerry Voorhis, THE CHRISTIAN IN POLITICS.

Bernhard W. Anderson, REDISCOVERING THE BIBLE.

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## THE WOMAN'S GIFT

Mrs. C. L. Covell, chairman

The Woman's Gift begun by our Fellowship in 1941 is a part of our Conference apportionment: as such it helps to extend Our Christian World Mission in the community, the state, across the nation, and around the world. Forty thousand dollars was dedicated as the first Woman's Gift in 1952. It has grown from year to year. Last June, at the Claremont meeting of the General Council, the sum of $226,000 was dedicated in a beautiful service prepared by Margaret Palmer Fisk. This Gift becomes, indeed, an Instrument of His Peace. It flows through many channels of our church life.

In our Conference the amount for 1952 was $2,104.50. One half of this went to our Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The other half remained in our Conference and helped ten young people to attend camp; provided for some much needed improvements at Camp N-Sid-Sen; and was the beginning of a Scholarship Fund for young people interested in the ministry and religious education.

This year we will again give one half of the Gift to the mission boards. Of the remaining half to be used within our conference 25% will go to the Scholarship Fund; 25% for camperships; 25% for camp improvements; and 25% to the Church Building Loan Fund. Our goal is to have every church woman giving in love and gratitude. Our gift will be dedicated at the annual conference in May. Checks should be sent to Mrs. A. E. Woodruff, 2331 Elm Street, Bellingham, Washington. This is love and worship in action.

If there be some weaker one
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer Thee.

Whittier.

# 65th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## May 5 - 6 - 7

Fellowship with delegates from other churches, inspiration, a chance to share ideas on local problems, and an evaluation of the past year will highlight the activities of the 65th annual meeting of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference. Sessions will be held at The First Congregational Church, Vancouver, Washington, on May 5-6-7. Moderator of the Conference, Dean Edward Lauer of Plymouth Church, Seattle, will preside at the sessions. Other officers for the sessions include Rev. Robert Pruitt, Colville, as assistant moderator; Rev. John Gibson, Seattle, as scribe; and Rev. Robert Kennan, Yakima, as chaplain.

### Special Guests

One of the most important of our younger church statesmen, Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York City, will share in our conference. Dr. Douglass is the Executive Vice President of our Board of Home Missions, and has achieved national prominence for his pioneering vision and realistic approach to church problems. A leading figure in the National Council of Churches as well as our own denomination, his responsibilities range over a wide area of institutional and missionary work. Under his able leadership the Board of Home Missions has done remarkable work in the field of race relations; in radio and projected visuals; in aid to state conferences in organizing new churches in residential communities that have grown up in recent years; in strengthening existing churches in strategic areas; and in work on college campuses. As a frequent radio speaker, lecturer, and author, Dr. Douglass makes a unique contribution in interpreting the task of the church today and in suggesting ways of securing more responsible churchmanship.

Dr. Warren H. Denison, known to many as the Dean of Stewardship Education, will bring new insights in this field which is meaning so much to churches through their Every Member Canvass programs. Dr. Denison makes his home at Grinnell, Iowa, but he is in such demand across the country that he is seldom there. As Secretary of Stewardship and Finance of the Christian Churches, prior to the merger with Congregational churches, Dr. Denison has continued to give outstanding service to the larger fellowship.

## DELEGATES

**Each church is entitled to two lay delegates and pastor, and an additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, after the first 100. A registration fee of $2.00 for each official delegate will be charged, and is payable at the time of the registration. In addition to the official delegates, each church is entitled to as many Associate delegates as can attend the conference.**

**First Congregational Church is providing housing for persons sending in advance requests. Address same to the church; 14th and Main Streets, Vancouver, Washington.**

### Program Specials

hurches that have met their s and more for Our Christian d Mission will again be cited receive certificates of recogni-. The women of the Conference present and dedicate their ial plus gift—The Woman's Gift. s sacrificial gift makes possible sual services in our conference mission work.

inisters and their wives who e come into the area since the conference will be presented honored at the Conference Ban-t.

hrough the seminar and interest ip periods there will be oppor-ty for discussion of local pro-s and problems; previews of tools and materials for the l church; and information on grams and activities. Displays and exhibits will make more meaningful the various areas of concern and the work of our Board of Home Missions; the Council for Social Action; the American Board; and fellowship groups for Laymen; Women; and Youth.

### Entertaining Church

First Congregational Church, Vancouver, will be hosts to the delegates. Requests for housing and meals should be sent well in advance of the meeting. The church is located at the corner of 14th and Main Streets, and can easily be located. Dr. Wade L. Carter is minister. This church has made remarkable progress in the last five years and the enthusiasm of the local work will be of interest to many delegates. Outstanding for its interest in missions, the church gives a meaningful ministry to the community.

**Truman B. Douglass**

**Warren H. Denison**

Best wishes are being extended to the LeRoy Eide family these days as they prepare for a new home and new responsibilities. Beginning this summer Roy becomes Associate in the Department of Church Finance Advisory Service of the Board of Home Missions, with offices in New York City. The Eides will be greatly missed in the Washington Conference for they have made a unique contribution to our fellowship. Roy as Director of Stewardship and Missions has helped many of our churches to a new understanding of church finance; Naomi has been active in the Women's Fellowship; and the family has shared in the development of our family camp program as well as being active in their local church. We are happy that their leadership will now be shared with our wider fellowship of Congregational Christians.

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## LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREATS

April 18-19: Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dr. Warren H. Denison, special guest.

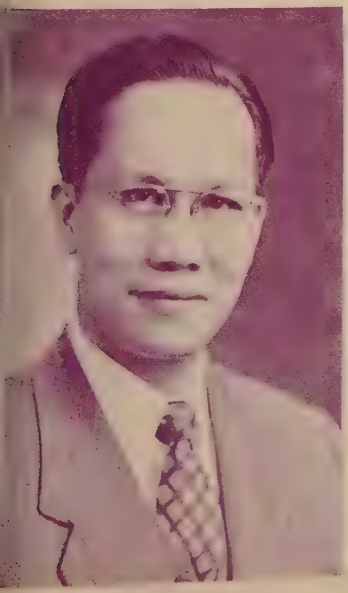
April 25-26: Camp Waskowitz (Seattle Boy's Camp) at North Bend.

All laymen of the Conference are urged to attend these retreats for real worthwhile Christian fellowship and inspiration.

# GRIM FELLOWSHIP

# CONFERENCE

ung people will gather at the Congregational Church, Ta- Washington, on April 17, 18, 19, for the annual meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship. Each local is entitled to four voting dele- for the first ten members and dditional delegate for each ten ers beyond the first ten. Main of business will include a deration of a new commission a budget for next year; and tion of officers. Mr. Bruce s, President, will preside at essions.



**Joseph Ma**

**Bruce Forbes**

**Theme of Conference**

"THE RISK OF BEING CHRISTIAN" is the theme of the program, and will feature as special guest the Rev. Joseph Ma, Minister of the Chinese Congregational Church, San Francisco, California, Mr. Ma is recently from Hongkong where he served as pastor of a United Church, similar to college pastorates in this country. In addition to his pastorate, Mr. Ma also teaches at the Hip Wo School.

The conference will begin with the dinner session on Friday, April 17 and continue through Sunday morning the 19th. Cost will be $4.00 per person, which includes meals and registration. Requests for housing should be sent to Rev. Stuart Kimball, 918 Division Street, Tacoma; no later than April 13.

A special mission festival evening will be a highlight of the weekend, as well as an opportunity to meet foreign students from several countries and an acquaintance with the work of Our Christian World Mission.

# A MISSION BECOMES MISSIONARY

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Hook

Just half a day from New York by air we come to one of our Home Board projects which seems more foreign than others, with its prevailing Spanish language and culture—PUERTO RICO. This colorful island has been described by someone as "America's Paradise of the Atlantic." It is this as we discovered its beauty as members of the ten day study tour, sponsored by the Board of Home missions. Along with its beauty a person is also struck with the fact that it is an island of contrasts—courage and despair; education and ignorance; cleanliness and squalor; wealth and poverty.

Puerto Rico has one of the world's highest birth-rates per thousand per year, and the lowest death-rate. Despite the fact that the government and Portestantism are favoring a "planned family program," and that 5,000 leave for the Mainland each month, the population problem continues to be serious. At our Social Service Center at Yuquiyu we have three couples, giving an example of commited leadership. They are teaching in the fields of agriculture, health, crafts, cooperatives, and seeking to raise the standard of family life. They are presenting the Gospel in such a way that courage comes to the discouraged, and a sense of worth whileness to those deep in despair. An experience of worship with this group, in their over-flowing, self-supporting Chapel, as they present the needs of others around the world, makes one realize that our Mission to Puerto Rico is indeed reaching out to the ends of the earth.

Ryder Memorial Hospital is recognized as one of the finest on the Island. From it our doctors, Dr.

**Overflow quarters of Yuquiyu chu school**

John Smith and Dr. Adaline Pend ton, and social worker, Betty Ma Donald, reach out into the hil among the needy with a program healing for the sick and assistan to the poor. Two more doctors a to be added to the staff this summ Invaluable assistance to the pr gram at Ryder is provided by t Friendly Service program of c churches.

Many instances could be cited native Puerto Ricans, products our Congregational Mission, who a holding responsible positions in th fields of government, industry, la and education. These men are ofte available as lay preachers. Prote tantism is gaining ground in Puer Rico and Congregationally speak we can justly proud of the mar areas of work in which our missic is paying off.

Ochentas, one of our many els in isolated areas.

The sick walk miles and wait for our doctor who visits this hillside clinic one morning each week.

preacher delivers first year's ent on Church Building Loan to chairman, Rev. Joe Bevil- a, as Mrs. Clarence Murdey of Home Board Directors smiles val.

Surrounding hills yield people of all ages for worship.

# News Briefs

Miss Diana Mathewson of Fauntleroy Church, Seattle, was elected vice president of the State United Christian Youth Movement at its annual meeting in Seattle the first weekend in March. Mr. Ron Finley of Fauntleroy was elected a member-at-large of the council.

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National Family Week will be observed in church programs the week of May 3—10. "A Christian Foundation For Every Home" is the emphasis this year. Special materials for this observance are available from the Division of Christian of Education, National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams St., Chicago, Ill. These include posters, daily devotional books, manuals with suggestions for making the observance more meaningful.

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Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham of Oakland, California, is the new president of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women. She was elected to this position at the meeting of the Women's Fellowship of State Presidents in Cleveland, Ohio, in January.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Naundorf and daughter Alice, of Westminster Church, Spokane, will go to Scotland in June to attend the sessions of the International Congregational Council. Mrs. Naundorf is a delegate, and Alice will share in the Youth Sessions.

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Moab Hartlie as—"A Voice F the Past" (portrayed by Dr. Fr Scribner in the above picture) te Ronald Bridges, national chairm of the Church Building Loan F Campaign, why his gift to the l volving Loan Fund was the b investment he ever made. M Hartlie, a typical Congregational of 1852, gave $100 to help bu more churches 100 years ago, a today, years after his death, i still building churches. Moab Hart discovered that a man lives " long as those things in which has invested live."

Your gift and the gift of y church will live on for generation

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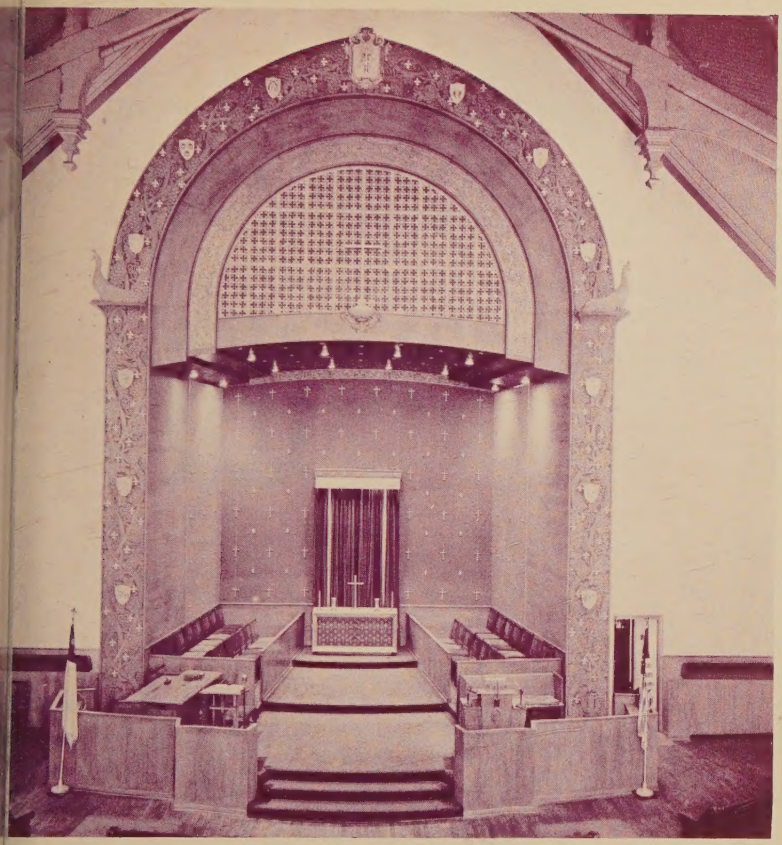
Since February 10, Declaratio of Purpose have been received fr the following churches:

**Mullan**
**Tacoma, Evangelical**
**Bellevue**
**Spokane, Hillyard**
**Ralston**
**Summit Park**
**Tonasket**
**Suquamish**
**Winslow**
**Tacoma, First**
**Vancouver**



e new chancel arch and sanctuary of the Westminster Church, Spokane, res the altar and dossal drape as the focal center with a divided choir gement. Rich grained Hondurous mahogany solid wood is used for all hancel arch facing, railings, wall panelling, choir railing, pulpit and m features. The stained coloring in the finish is violet-hued chestnut .

e chancel arch facing has over-all sand carved vine and grape design e "Tree of Life" motif. This rich ornamentation is a background for hields and symbols of the twelve apostles. The side piers of the arch rowned with Peacock statuary, symbolic of the "Resurrection." The ornamentation of the arch is deep tones of Parma violet overlaid with ue gold. The apostles shields are aqua colored with antique gold sym-

e dossal drape background for the altar is royal purple with gold metal-ertical banding. Architects were Funk, Molander and Johnson of Spokane.